



**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
Office of General Counsel

August 30, 2012

Ms. Amanda Crawford, Chief  
Open Records Division  
Office of the Attorney General  
P.O. Box 12548  
Austin, TX 78711-2548

Re: Request for a Decision regarding a Public Information Request from Brandon Wieber to the Texas Engineering Experiment Station – TEES12-018

Dear Ms. Crawford:

On August 16, 2012, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), a component agency of The Texas A&M University System, received from Brandon Wieber the public information request enclosed as Exhibit A. Mr. Wieber seeks information as follows:

1. any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs (hereinafter “drones”), as well as research services or other services related to drones;
2. any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;
3. any records concerning this organization's use of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including:
  - a. the types of investigations or instances in which this university is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another university or office;
  - b. policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;
  - c. the altitude at which drones can or do fly;
  - d. drones' ability to carry weapons.

At this time, TEES is in the process of locating and gathering the requested information. We believe that some of the records responsive to this request may include information excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, Government Code, Chapter 552 (the Act), sections 552.101 through 552.151, including but not limited to sections 552.101 and 552.110. Accordingly, we request a decision regarding this matter.

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In accordance with section 552.301(e) of the Act, we will submit not later than September 6, 2012, the 15<sup>th</sup> business day after the receipt of Mr. Wieber's request, a labeled copy of the requested information, or representative samples thereof, along with written comments stating the reasons the stated exceptions would allow all or part of the requested information to be withheld from disclosure.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



R. Brooks Moore  
Managing Counsel, Governance

Enclosure

cc: Brandon Wieber  
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>August 16, 2012

>Texas A & M Engineering Experiment Station

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>To Whom It May Concern:

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>Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act , I hereby request the  
>following records:

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>d. drones<sup>1</sup> ability to carry weapons.

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>I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this  
>request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made  
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>the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and  
>not for commercial usage.

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>In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you  
>would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my  
>request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail  
>attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

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>Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I  
>look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10  
>business days, as the statute requires.

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>Sincerely,

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>Brandon Wieber

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